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Community meetings set for ADOT's Grand Avenue widening

Community members invited to view and comment on design plans

PHOENIX – The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is inviting drivers and community members to view and comment on final design plans for the upcoming US 60 (Grand Avenue) widening project between Loop 303 and 99th Avenue at one of two public meetings on Dec. 2. Community members will have the opportunity to ask questions about the project and meet with ADOT staff members.

Meetings will be held:

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Sundial Recreation Center, 14801 N. 103rd Ave. in Sun City

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Surprise Elementary School, 12907 W. Greenway Rd. in El Mirage

Grand Avenue is scheduled to be widened to six traffic lanes (three lanes in each direction) between Loop 303 and 99th Avenue. Construction is expected to begin in 2009 and be completed in 2011. To minimize the need for additional right of way, widening is planned to occur primarily within the existing median. The project includes improvements at signalized intersections, but no grade separations (underpasses or overpasses). The feasibility of constructing grade separations in certain locations is being conducted as part of a separate study.

The project is included in the voter-approved Regional Transportation Plan.

A brief presentation about the project will take place 30 minutes after the start of each meeting, followed by an open house where community members can view maps and displays about the project. Representatives from the ADOT design team will be present to answer questions during and after the formal presentation.

For more information about the meetings or improvements, or to arrange for special accommodations at the meetings, contact the Northwest Valley Community Outreach Team at 480-890-3055 or projectupdate@lewin-associates.com. Comments on the project may also be sent to Brock Barnhart, c/o Northwest Corridor Community Outreach Team, 1146 N. Mesa Dr. #102-298, Mesa, AZ 85201.

Community members are encouraged to sign up for ADOT's Grand Avenue mailing list at www.ValleyFreeways.com to receive news and construction alerts about the project.